

# Collaton St Mary Community Playgroup Committee Summer Newsletter

With the Summer term drawing to a close it is sadly nearly time to say goodbye to those children and their parents who are about to leave us. We wish you all well and hope that your time at school is happy.

## Qualifications

The committee would like to congratulate Kim for obtaining her Foundation Stage Degree. We are very pleased that she has been rewarded for all the hard work she has done. With Alison in the final stages of her training by September we are pleased that all of our staff will have a Level 3 Childcare qualification.

## Playgroup Fees

Our new system of having a specific payment week for the fees has been working well. However there are still a few late payments and we would appreciate it you could pay on time to help keep administration costs down

We have now introduced a fee paying policy and agreement, which some of the new parents will have already signed. Existing parents who haven't received a copy will do so when we return in September. We have introduced it to discourage people from changing their child's sessions once each half term has started, as this makes planning our finances and staff-child ratios very difficult.

## Outside Play Area

We are still waiting for a decision to be made regarding our grant application, but have decided to start the work on the area in the hope that it will be ready by September.

If you take a look at the playgroup website [www.collatonstmaryplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.collatonstmaryplaygroup.co.uk) and go to the blog you can see how the work has been progressing, mainly thanks to the hard work of two dads Stuart Parr, and Gavin Berlyn. Together they cleared the area and then Gavin with his family laid the new rubber safety mats and added the top soil ready for the grass, and put in the new pond. We just need some sun and rain to get the grass seed off to a good start and the foundations for the area will be in place.

## Pennywell Farm

We hope that you enjoyed your trip to the farm despite the weather. Please take a look at the lovely display the staff have made of photos taken on the day.

## Sports day

Sports day was a great success and it was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents in attendance. A big thank you to those of you who contributed refreshments but a special thanks must go to Helen who made all of the scones and to Tracey for the large supply of cakes.

## End of term

We hope that you will all be able to come along to the end of term celebration on Thursday. We would be grateful for any contributions towards the refreshments and if you could help serving or washing up please let us know.

## Change of name

It has been decided that the group will change its name to Collaton St Mary Pre-School. This will coincide with our change to become an incorporated charity, which we aim to be achieved by the start of next term.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

With so much going on this term we decided to delay our celebration until September 18<sup>th</sup>, when we hope you will come and join us from 2pm onwards. Details will be given out as soon as they are confirmed.

## Newsletters

Just to remind you that a copy of all newsletters can be found on the website.

All that's left to do is to wish you all a great summer.

*The Committee*

